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#### CM launches 'CM Da Haisi' Web Portal



IT News Imphal. Sept 19:

Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched 'CM Da Haisi Web Portal at the Chief Minister's Secretariat today. The web portal has been developed to receive complaints and grievances from the general public.

Public can raise their grievances in the web portal by logging on to
www.cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in and
the complainants can also
check the status of their complaints. The Public Grievances Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell will use the portal to liaison with the concerned department to redress the griev-ances of the public within a

stipulated time and also to provide the actionable complaints to the State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department for further enquiry and investigation.

Speaking on the occasion, N. Biren Singh stated that gain-ing public trust and confidence is very important to run a Gov-ernment and to take up various development works. As such, all the Government officials should perform their duties dedicatedly and with transparency, as transparency follows development, he added. Mentioning that corruption is the main concern which hinders the development of the State, he continued that the web portal had been launched with the objective to totally root out corruption from public offices and enhance public service delivery in the State

Expressing satisfaction on certain feedback given by the public regarding effective redressal of their grievances through CM Da Haisi platform, the Chief Minister stated that CM Da Haisi had become an effective platform for rooting out corruption from the State.

Giving credit to all bureau-crats of the State for the development achieved and bringing a good image of the State, N. Biren Singh expressed words of motivation to take up joint ef-forts for ending corruption totally from the State.

It may be mentioned that the Anti-Corruption Cell in the Office of the Chief Minister was re-constituted as Public Grievance Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell on March 23, 2022 and a Sec retary rank officer was appointed as in-charge of the cell. So far, a total of 134 complaints have been received by the Public Grievance Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell. Out of which 85 percent of the complaints have been resolved and communicated to the complainants.

Earlier, complaints related to public grievance and corruption cases were received through letters, email (accmanipur@gmail.com), toll free number (Anti-corruption)-18003453877, 9534795347 WhatsApp No. (9402150000 for Anti-Corruption & 9534795347 for Public Grievances).

The launching programme was attended by Power Minister Thongam Biswajit, Rural Development and Panchayati Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Yumnam Khemchand, Works Minister Govindas Konthoujam, Textiles. Commerce and Industries Minister Nemcha Kipgen, Wa-ter Resources Minister Awangbow Newmai, Health Minister Dr. Sapam Ranjan, CAF & PD Minister Shri L. Susindro, Social Welfare Min-ister Heikham Dingo, Transport Minister Khashim ashum, Chief Secretary Dr. Raiesh Kumar, Administrative Secretaries and other Government officials among others.

#### Police recover 3 stolen vehicles



Imphal, Sept 19:

A team of Kakching district police commando led by Inspector Md. Abash Khan had recovered 3 stolen three wheeler vehicles from a house at Sora Awang Leikai on Sunday evening.

According to report, the

Kakehing police commando team led by Inspector Md. Abash Khan conducted search operation at Sora Awang Leikai at around 9 pm yesterday after receiving in-formation from credible source. When conducting the operation the police team found three two wheeler vehicle hidden in suspicious manner at the residence of one Md Azad Khan (25) S/o. Md Amjad Ali at Sora Awang Leikai. Details of the three two wheeler vehicles are - one Royal Enfield Classic 350 (red in colour) bearing registration No. DL4SDM-5923. Chassis No. #ME3J3C5FEN2024705# and Engine No. J3A5FEN2633151; one Royal Enfield Meteor 350 (black in

colour) without registration No. Nil, Chassis No. #ME3J3A5FGN2008541# and Engine No.J3A5FGN2388382 and one KTM Duke (black in colour) bearing registration No.AS03AD-0473, Chassis No.MD2JPEXC2LC084641 and Engine No.L-937\*05138#.
After the owner the house

failed to provide any proper documents of the three vehicles he was arrested from the spot at 9.45 pm and seized all the motor cycles from the spot at 9:50pm by observing all the

necessary legal formalities, police source said.

The source further added that, on being interrogated Md Azad Khan stated that one Royal Enfield Meteor 350 (black in colour) was brought by Md Anish Khan (22) S/o Md Anwar Khan of Moreh ward No.5 A/P Sora Chingya Leikai. Immediately, the teams rushed to the said area and manage to arrest Md Anish Khan at the spot at 10:30 pm, from Sora Chingya Leikai. He admitted that the motorcycle was handed over to him by one Mr. Boboi of Lilong to sell to a buyer at Moreh/Myanmar,

the police source added.

The arrested persons along with recovered vehicles were handed over to Kakching Police Station for further necessary legal action.

#### Man arrested with suspected heroin powder

IT News Imphal, Sept 19:

A team of Irilbung police arrested a person identified as Md. Imtiyas Khan (31 yrs) son of the Late Md. Abdul Salam of Keikhu Awang Leikai, Imphal East District, of Keikhu Kabuikhul Gate along with 7 to 8 gm of suspected No. 4 Heroin Powder from Keikhu Kabuikhul Gate on the evening of Sept. 16. A case under FIR No. 91(9)2022, IBG-PS, U/s 21 (b) ND&PS Act is registered for investigation. The accused person has been remanded in police custody till September 23, 2022, for further investigation.

#### **PMPS** Executive body reforms

IT Correspondent
Jiribam, Sept 19:
The Progressive Meitei
Pangal Society (PMPS), Jiribam has been dissolved vesterday, in a meeting held at the Islamabad Community hall, Jiribam and reformed the new executive body.

The release stated that the

attendees present in the meeting unanimously resolved to reform the new executive body of the Association under the chair-manship of M.S. Jaman, Ex-Chairman of PMPS.

The newly elected executive with each portfolios are Md. Jalaluddin as a Chairman, Mst Nurina Begum and Aziz Haider as Vice Chairam, Abdus Salam Moijingmayum as a General Secy, Rajaouddin (Babul) and Livakat Nongjai as a Secy and Abdul Khan as a cashier.

### Former rebel leader RK Sanayaima stresses on the role of writers

IT News Imphal, Sept 19:

Former rebel leader RK Sanayaima today stressed on the role of writers in shaping the society to the right direc

Talking to reporters at the sideline of the three day Inter-national Literary Cum Cultural Event on History, Culture and Literature of Manipur & Diaspora jointly organized by the Apunba Khorirolgi Malem gi Lup Imphal, Manipuri Sahitya Parishad Masha. Thobal, Manipur, Ningol Khut, Wangjing, Manipur, Loyalam Library, Wangjing, Manipur, Manipur University Students' Union (MUSU) and Malem gi Yelhoulon Aphong Lup,

Mayang Imphal Maibam, Manipur at Manipur University Centenary Hall, RK Sanyaima appreciated the organizers for organizing such a meet as it is the need of the hour.

Sanyaima, who attended the occasion as chief guest said that writers have been taking major role in the creation of a prosperous and peaceful so-ciety. He said that it is the writers that will protect the identity of each communities of each society. The one time rebel leader said that writers should not confined to specific ideas of their specific organizations or institutions. He appealed the writers to be liberal and to fo-cus on real issues and to stream line the society to the

He appealed the writers to make their presentation by undertsanding the sacrifices and dedications of our ancestors. Historians should never try to mislead the people for their own selfish motives.

The International Literary Cum Cultural Event which began today was also attended by Waihom Amuchou Meitei, President Apunba Khorirolgi Malem gi Lup Imphal, Robin Blackei, Member National Board MSMI Govt. of India, L. Gulap, President, Short Story Society and KC Mangang Literary and Social Activist, Hojai, Assam. Professor Dr. N. Sanatomba who attended as resource per-son spoke on the topic Uniqueness of Manipur Culture and its

### Moreh reports dengue outbreak with over 230 cases

The total number of persons diagnosed with dengue rose to over 230 at Moreh town in Manipur's Tengnoupal district on Monday, according to an of-

According to state malaria officer Dr AR Chisti, the total number of persons suffering from dengue in Moreh town is now over 230. The first case was reported in June, 2022.

We are trying to send extra manpower to tackle the situation,

said Dr Chisti.
In wake of the sudden outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease at Moreh town along the India-Myanmar border, a sensitisation programme on den-gue was also organised by the state and district National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme at Moreh town, Tengnoupal district, on Saturday.
The programme aimed to

raise public awareness on dengue and increase public participation in controlling further spread of the disease.

The awareness programme

was also attended by Chief Medical Officer of Tengnoupal Jangkholun Touthang, District Medical Officer Tengnoupal, of-ficials from District Malaria department, and leaders of the Hill Tribal Council, among others.

Meanwhile, Moreh Battalion Assam Rifles troops conducted fumigation in Moreh to prevent the outbreak of dengue.

The fumigation drive was

carried out in ward no 7 and surrounding areas.

The troops also identified mosquito breeding grounds and two teams carried out fogging in villages, including S Moljol, Govajang, SL Munpi, Chavangphai, Cannan Veng, Zion Veng, Pangal Basti and Nepali Basti.

Residents of Moreh have been told to take necessary steps to destroy any mosquito breeding grounds in their surround-

# Insurgency down in northeast, Army shifts to LAC

Agency New Delhi, Sept 19:

With insurgency having significantly gone down in the northeast as seen by recent re-vocation of Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in several parts of the region, the Army has been able to pull out most of its troops from Counter Insurgency (CI) duties to refocus on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) amid the stand-off with China in Fastern Ladakh in the last two years. Assam Rifles is now re-

sponsible for all CI duties. There is only one Army Bri-gade in the entire Eastern sector now tasked with CI duties with

its mandate spread across four districts of Assam bordering Arunachal. "Insurgency has waned and the counter to it has also changed. It is a whole-ofthe-nation approach now. Now the battle is for the mind-space," said Brig. K.S. Gill, commanding the 73 Brigade. Recruitment still happens but has come down in wo years, he stated.

Elaborating, he said while space for United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) is shrinking, residual potential still remains and "it's a threat in being" as threat of use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), kidnapping and extortion loom

However, their operational space is reducing due to con-stant pressure on them and outreach to people for development, Brig. Gill said adding they continue to keep pressure by area domination, keeping up checks and "intelligence-based ethical operations.

Terming the lifting of AFSPA from areas of Manipur, Nagaland and Assam as a "momentous achievement" made possible by reduction in violence, Eastern Army Commander Lt. Gen. R.P. Kalita noted that the Act is now restricted to only those areas where rem-nants of militancy still exist.

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#### RPF condoles demise of 3 PLA cadres

IT News Imphal, Sept 19:

The proscribed Revolutionary People's Front (RPF) has expressed deep condo-lences on the demise of three cadres of its armed wing People's Liberation Army (PLA) during an 'unfortunate incident that happened on Sep-tember 17 at about 9am some-

where in Kamiong district. According to a statement of RPF issued by its assistant publicity secretary Bankim, all the three cadres were killed during an ambush laid by Indian Occupational Force (IOF) while going for a mission in

Kamjong district. The deceased cadres were captain Hongba (PLA MC- 329) alias Lucky, real name, Yumnam Lucky (Tangba) son of Yumnam Tomchou and Angai (Nupimacha) of Moreh Turel Wangma (Ward No 7); captain Sanjit (PLA MC-338), real name, Wangkhem Jiten Meetei son of Kanhai and Ahanbi of Yairipok Heirong Thongkhong and captain Sashikanta (PLA MC-361) alias Ayangba, real name, Moirangthem Bisarup, son of Ibomcha and Sumila Chanu of Wangkhei Ningthem Pukhri Mapal.

According to the RPF statement, captain Kongba joined the outfit on August 20,2006 and completed basic military training on December 25, 2006 and was allotted Army No A-2867 and captain Sanjit joined the outfit on March 10, 2007 and was allot-ted Army No A-3080 after completing basic military training on October 27, 2007.

Captain Sashikanta joined the outfit on November 16, 2006 and completed basic military training on October 27, 2008 and allotted Army No A-3086 the RPF statement said adding all three PLA cadres carried forward revolutionary struggle with their sacrificing spirit for their motherland.

The RPF further said all the three PLA cadres were of lieutenant rank at the time of their demise but the party honoured them for their sacrificing spirit till their last breath and allotted captain rank posthu

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#### Every day actions matter, choose a plastic free life



By: Vinod Chandrashekhar Dixit

Every year, we produce nearly 280 million tonnes of plastic of which much of those spoil the environment harming marine life and other ecosys tems. As the world's population mi-grates to cities, the bleak reality of climate change becomes increasingly evident, and the need to create sustainable communities becomes paramount. Destruction of forests is to be taken as the destruction of the state, and reforestation an act of rebuilding the state and advancing its welfare. Since children spend time on

the internet and mobile phones, they are more aware, but we need to make them active participants. A tree would be ideal, but even a small shrub can help the environment. It is estimated that plants can hold a large mass of water in their roots. At the same time, a ban should be a gradual and longterm objective. The loss of tree cover to make furniture would have a more severe impact on the environment than the use of plastics. More research needs to be done on using plastic waste for productive purposes. Plastic is widely used in our day to day life. Starting from a pen to a polythene bag in which we carry fruits and books are forms of plastic. Plastic bags are nothing but a product of laziness and poor planning. They find their origin in a variety of places. Non-grocery retail stores and restaurants are significant contributors, but there is no greater impact than the plastic

bag waste that is generated by grocery stores.

The widespread use of plastic carry bags undoubtedly poses a serious problem. With global warming on the rise, we have to do every bit ous problem. Win global warming on the rise, we have to do every bit that we can to save the environment. The major chemicals that go into the making of plastic are highly toxic and pose a serious threat to living beings of all species on the earth. While there should be a strict ban on plastics, considering its ill-effects on the human beings and the environment, people should desist from accepting material in polythene bags. It is the moral duty of people to refrain from using plastic bags. While educating people on the need to shun plastic, we also need to make available cheaper, safer, durable alternatives for them. Cloth and jute bags need to be attractively priced and easily available. Authorities alone cannot be blamed for the plastic pollution.

Our most of the lakes and urban drain systems are choking because of plastic bags. Due to government neglect across the country and her maritime boundaries or coastline, animals particularly cows and bulls, are ingesting plastic from garbage dumps and plastic bags littered across the landscape and oceans. Thin plastic tends to cause flooding by choking drains, and can easily travel by wind and water in flood planes, thus increasing the flooding of public places during rains.

One more reason for the ban is that cows, which are sacred in India. often asphyxiate from trying to eat the bags. The ingestion of plastic from plastic bags chokes the stomach of cows. Not only cows but some day polyethene will kill us. Despite the enactment of rules for the disposal of municipal solid wastes and the management and handling of plastic waste, the governments have failed and neglected to implement these rules.

There are many, who are against the ban on plastic bags, and there is a reason because they believe it is infringing on their rights, creating an inconvenience, and adding expense to their shopping. If every individual resolves not to use plastic bags, our cities would be much better places to live in. Unless we honestly implement all ways to eliminate plastic, its ill-effects will continue to be with us. The little that we can do without much effort from our side is to say "NO" to plastic bags.

### **How New-Age Education** is defined by Innovation



By: Vijay GarG

Today, a mix of traditional offline methods and new online tools forms the key for success. With constant evolution, we need to adapt at a relentless pace where coherent changes in the learning ecosystem with a futuristic approach are needed. Classroom continuity is permanently embedded in the current teaching methods and by quickly adapting to the changing scenarios, we can accelerate the transformation of making learning centres more student centric. The way forward in the new normal has now become clear and is helping stakeholders shape the current education landscape. Different elements of the new age education

system include the following:

#### Driving the future

As tech-enabled solutions creates ways for easy delivery of lessons, the concept of hybrid learning is becoming more popular. In addition to helping institutions run classes, it has also bridged the gap between home and school education. Online video communica-tion tools have enabled schools to transform into e-learning platforms out of necessity. Schools find these ed-tech solutions to be convenient, especially during these volatile times, to enhance learning exer-

**Skill-based learning**Today, there is focus on skill-based/practical learning over conventional methods, which is important as they help prepare a future ready workforce. This will help students go through an immersive learning experience to help them present their skills across organisations and portfolios as they move from school to college. The NEP has set a goal to educate teachers to help them deliver skillbased learning and teach problem-solving methods to students in the

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# Our Prime Minister gets strength through disruption and controversies

#### At 72, Narendra Modi is running faster like newly acquired Cheetahs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 72 on September 17 and the country celebrated how fast an Afri-can Cheetah can run in the Indian wild? Not faster than its destiny, right? Talking of which, Modi is 'Destiny's Child', he is just another man-sized Gujarati with the ability to turn into child's play anything that he set out to accomplish. Modi's list of accomplishments will fill a book though there are among us, Modi's contemporaries, who will doubt whether all of those accomplishments will fit the book.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday eight African Cheetahs have been flown in from the wild in Namibia to their new wild home in India at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, but not a la the Citizens Amendment Act! These big cats were by far safer in Namibia than they possibly can in an Indian wildlife reserve. That said, don't be surprised if Modi's birthday henceforth comes to be celebrated as 'National Cheetah

Day'
On Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday, there would also be millions who would wish Modi runs faster than the Cheetah, runs straight out of their lives! Among them political rivals who have had enough of Modi and his brand of politics to last a couple of

terms and then be threatened with a third. No Indian opposition leader has the patience of Russian President Vladimir Putin, who refrained from wishing Modi 'Happy Birthday' at the SCO Summit because it's not the Russian custom to jump the gun!

Narendra Modi prides himself as a global icon. And one of his lasting contributions to conducting interna-tional relations is the "Hug" which is now ritual in whichever part of the globe Modi happens to touch down. The "Modi Hug", however, has no domestic edition. Modi never hugs the strange bedfellows he holds at arm's length in any of the states and Union Territories of 'Hamara Desh

That, however, didn't stop political adversaries from greeting Modi on his birthday. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is on his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', in a friendly gesture greeted Modi, and so did AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Closer to home, Modi's own party men were lobbying him with birthday greetings. Modi at 72 continues to be

leader of all he surveys in the BJP.

It's said that one of Modi's most winning trait is his ability to connect with people. The Prime Minister is a showman with the gift to showboat. Narendra Modi will wade into a crowd if he felt the urge to and zero in on the one person he was aiming for. His ability to sway the electorate with a stump speech is now an acknowledged feat. Tested numerous times at the hustwinning elections comes natural to Narendra Modi.

Part of his winning formula are the slogans coined around him. From 'Abki Baar Modi Sarkar' to 'Achche Din' to 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. Some of these slogans have turned around to bite him where it hurts most while others are like leeches bleeding his hard won reputation all over the place.

One of the more enduring slogans is "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas", which, according to his detractors, doesn't actually tell the Modi story fully. Prime Minister Narendra Modi rightly or wrongly has been branded 'Dividerin-Chief', courtesy the 'Time' maga-zine, and the label has stuck to hound him. The Western media loves to hate Modi and that is also part for the

On his birthday Narendra Modi should sit down with a cup of homemade 'chai', and with his favourite peacock by his side, ask himself why with the slogan 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' buoyed by 'Sabka Prayas', he is still seen as a no-holds barred au-thoritarian figure with a divisive

agenda. Maybe, it's the RSS pracharak in his resume. His politics is regarded as not inclusive. He cannot be inclu-sive unless he wants to commit political hara-kiri.

That being said, Modi has redeeming qualities. Without doubt he is a patriot, and a nationalist. But then, so were each one of the successive prime ministers India had. Maybe Modi flaunts it. Also, Modi is an excellent organiser, very organised in his ways and manner of functioning. He plans his life in events but when he does the same for India is when he often plunges India into chaos. Demoneti zation was an example of the Muhammad bin Tughlak in Modi. The 'Cheetah Action Plan' hopefully will not be.

A Modi plus point is that the Indian passport has found glory under his watch. The NRI is happy at the diaspora events Modi takes by storm. And, we're UK-beaters! We have the third richest man on the planet. But we also have the most number of the world's extremely poor. We burned and buried tens of thousands of the Covid-19 dead, but we also vaccinated a billion-plus. The only thing is that while the Namibian import can be radio-collared, the same cannot be said about our all-powerful Birthday Boy! (IPA Service)

# Aggressive Myanmar military along Bangladesh border: Time to take steps to stop war?

The world is witnessing a new level of aggression in Myanmar. However, conflicts and conflicts between the Myanmar Army and the armed Arakan Army are not new. However, the conflict between them has taken a new turn in the last few weeks. It has spread to neighboring areas includ-ing northern Rakhine, Maungdoo and Sittwe, along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has summoned the country's ambassador in connection with the ongoing shelling in Myanmar's Rakhine state across the Ghumdhum border in Naikxyongchari Upazila of Bandarban.

He was summoned for the fourth round in connection with the death of a Rohingya teenager and injuries to several others when a mortar shell fired by the country fell on the zero line on

the Bangladesh border.
On Sunday (September 18) at 11:20 a.m., two people, including Myanmar's ambassador to Dhaka, U Aung Kyaw Mo, came to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after receiving an urgent sum-

On August 28, two mortar shells landed in Ghumdhum area of Naikxyongchari Upazila of Bandarban, near the zero point of the Bangladesh-Myanmar border. Although no one was injured, panic spread among the residents of the border area. Since then, the sound of gunshots has been heard almost every day. Among them, the country fired from two warplanes

and two fighting helicopters.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly protested these incidents by summoning the Myanmar ambassa-dor in Dhaka several times. Last Friday (September 16) afternoon, a

young man named WinuThwaingTanchangya (22) was injured in a landmine explosion inside Myanmar across the Naikshyongchari border. Then at around 8 pm, a mortar shell fired from Myanmar landed in the border's no-man's land. The incident took place in Konarpara area of Ward No. 2 of Ghumdhum Union of Naikshyongchari. Md. living in the border area due to the explosion. A Rohingya named Iqbal (17) was killed. Five more people were injured.

After these two incidents in a day, panic has increased among the residents of the border area. No one leaves the house unless necessary. Many are leaving their homes and moving

The junta forces are in a very vul-

nerable position due to the onslaught of the Arakan Army. The Junta forces did not think the war could take such a dire shape and that they would attack the Arakan Army militarily. So now they are behaving like losers. On 15 September, the Arakan Army seized a military base in Maungdu, northern Rakhine State, despite the Myanmar Army sending 500 junta reinforcements. This military base named Mi Taek is located near Pillar No. 37 of the Myanmar-Bangladesh border, Despite the help of air and artillery forces to defend the base, the junta forces could not hold it. It should be noted that Mi Taek is the third base of Myanmar Army in Maungdoo region occupied by Arakan Army in the last two weeks. The armed group has already taken control of several key stra-tegic roads in the region. As a result, the junta is now forced to use waterways to transport its troops and supplies to northern Rakhine state. Having lost control of the land route, the junta forces are supplying troops and supplies by ship through the ports of Sittwe and ShweMingan.

Earlier on September 11, they lost control of the Kien Chaung strategic base. On September 14, another base was lost in northern Rakhine State near Pillar 37 on the Myanmar-Bangladesh border. In a statement, the Arakan Army claimed that a Myanmar army lance corporal was captured and 19 other junta soldiers, including a police lieutenant, were killed in clashes between the two sides during the oc-cupation of the base. Clashes between the two sides also spread to nearby areas including Miwa Hill and Tinma village. The armed Arakan Army has also captured Temawa outpost in the region. The fighting is so severe that the junta government's Maritime Administration Department has banned the movement of boats and trawlers in the port of Sittwe and the Kaladan River. The junta forces are bringing in

fresh troops from bases in other regions to counter the Arakan Army.

The death of a Rohingya youth living in a refugee camp in Bangladesh by a mortar shell is proof of the ex-treme nature of this war. These deaths are the ultimate manifestation of the aggressive and reckless attitude of the Myanmar junta. We strongly condemn the Myanmar government in this inci-

dent.

Due to the war between the Junta Army and the armed Arakan Army in the Bangladesh-Myanmar border region, the country's border violation with Bangladesh is happening repeat-edly. The uncivilized and reckless behavior of the Myanmar Army has reached extremes. The junta army's violation of land border regulations and international law, the air force's incursion into Bangladeshi airspace and the firing of shells and mortar shells into Bangladesh demonstrate how reckless Myanmar's behavior under the junta government has reached. Such unwarranted and provocative behavior is a threat to Bangladesh's security and a fresh blow to bilateral relations. Through this, Myanmar is not only creating a security threat for Bangladesh; Rather, this behavior is a violation of international law and the UN Charter. Such provocative and belligerent behavior of the junta government is a form of barbarism. Also, such behavior will not only damage the Rohingya crisis, but also threaten regional peace and security Therefore, regional countries, major powers and the international community should take urgent measures against Myanmar and adopt a condem-nation resolution discussed in the UN Security Council. If the reckless, aggressive behavior of Myanmar's military junta is not countered now, the country will become more dangerous and pose a major threat to regional and

international security.

The inaction Myanmar has been carrying out on the Bangladesh-Myanmar border for several weeks is unintended. Sadly, one person was recently killed in such inaction in Myanmar; Several people were injured. Above all, in such a situation the inhabitants of a town within a free

anxiety; At the same time, their livelihood and economic activities are also threatened.

The question is, what should Bangladesh do in this situation? Bangladesh, however, has already summoned Myanmar's ambassador several times and protested strongly about this. Its Home Minister has also expressed his reaction in this regard Apart from this a few days ago during the visit of the Bangladesh Prime Min-ister to India he met the Foreign Minister of that country and I think he certainly raised the issue of the recent mishaps in Myanmar.

A significant part of the Rohingya population of the Rakhine region of Myanmar has left the country and sought refuge in Bangladesh due to the endless persecution and dire conditions of the military junta. We know that there is a fierce conflict between the Myanmar army and the rebel groups there. In this context, Myanmar may be trying to create some kind of psychological pressure on Bangladesh. In this situation, I think that the neighboring friendly country India, as well as other friendly countries such as China and Russia, can bring to the discussion table not only the current situation, but also seek an acceptable overall solution to the Rohingya problem.

In this case some may say, if the current situation is prolonged; That is, Myanmar's border-centric inactivity continues, so Bangladesh will sit idly by? The answer is, of course not. However, as Bangladesh attaches utmost importance to maintaining har-mony and cordial relations with its neighbors and neighboring countries, the Prime Minister herself self has said this about Myanmar, so it is safe to say that Bangladesh is testing its pa-tience. However, if the situation takes a more negative and warlike form, then Bangladesh will also have to think about the matter anew: Actions may

also be taken if necessary.

(The writer is based in Karnataka, India, and has completed a master's degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University in International Imphal Times

# Naga political issue: NSCN-IM agrees to resume peace talks with GoI

The NSCN-IM has agreed to resume peace talks with the government of India (GoI) over the vexed Naga political issue

This was informed by NPF leader and chairman of the united democratic alliance (UDA) – TR Zeliang. The NSCN-IM leadership

is likely to meet the representatives of the government of India (GoI) on Tuesday (September 20).

However the NSCN-IM has stated that they would resume the peace talks with the GoI, only if the discussions are based on the Framework Agreement. "The NSCN-IM has stated

that they would resume peace talks only if it is based on the Framework Agreement," TR Zeliang said.
He added: "The NSCN-IM

has expressed unhappiness over omission of some formulation papers that were submitted by former interlocutor and Nagaland governor RN

Notably, members of the core committee of the Nagaland government met the NSCN-IM leadership at the Chumoukedima police complex in Dimapur, Nagaland on Saturday evening. and are hopeful of things working out from here on," Zeliang said.

The core committee of the Nagaland government and representatives of the NSCN-IM held a two-hour long closed-door meeting.

Notably, the peace talks between the NSCN-IM and the government of India (GoI) over the Naga political issue have hit roadblock since May this year.

The NSCN-IM have been adamant on their stand of a separate Naga flag and constitution.

Meanwhile, reports have emerged that the Government

"We are the facilitators of India is mulling to incorporate the Naga Constitution the Yehzaho - into the Indian

> Moreover, reports also claim that the Centre has agreed for a civil and cultural

flag for the Nagas. The union government has been holding two sepa-rate parleys with the NSCN-IM since 1997 and the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) comprising seven organisations since 2017.

The Centre signed a frame-work agreement with the NSCN-IM on August 3, 2015, and also entered into an agreed position with NNPGs in December 2017

# India reports 4,858 fresh COVID-19 cases in last 24 hours, active cases jump to 48,027

Agency New Delhi, Sept 19:

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Monday.

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The active cases comprise

0.11 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.71 per cent, the

health ministry said.

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Health Ministry
Maharashtra's Thane district has reported 75 new COVID-19 cases, taking its infection tally to 7,44,455, a health official said on Monday. With the addition of the latest numbers on Sunday, there are currently 749 active COVID-19 cases in the district, which is part of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, he said.

No death was reported on Sunday and the COVID-19 fatality toll in 1... 11,958, he said. With 5,664 tality toll in Thane stood at

coronavirus infections being reported in a day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 4,45,34,188, while the active cases increased to 47,922, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Sunday.

The death count climbed to 5,28,337 with 35 fatalities which includes 21 deaths reconciled by Kerala, the data undated at 8 am stated.

# Amarinder Singh set to join BJP, meets JP Nadda

Agency New Delhi, Sept 19:

Former chief minister and Punjab Lok Congress chief Amarinder Singh met BJP president J P Nadda here on Monday ahead of joining the saffron party.

Details of the meeting were

not immediately available. The 80-year-old Singh will also merge his newly formed Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) with the BJP.

Singh had floated the PLC last year after quitting the Congress following his unceremo-nious exit as chief minister.

The PLC contested the elections in alliance with the BJP and the Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa-led Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyuk).

However, none of its candidates could register a win, with Singh himself losing from his home turf of Patiala Urban

PLC spokesperson Pritpal Singh Baliawal had said earlier that Singh will join the BJP in the presence of its senior lead-

ers in Delhi on Monday. The former Punjab chief minister recently returned from London following a spinal sur-gery, and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union

After the meeting, he tweeted, "Had a warm meeting with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji.'

"Discussed various issues related to Punjab and resolved to work together for safety and security of the state and the country, which has and will always remain of paramount con-cern to both of us."

It was his first meeting with the Prime Minister after the Punjab assembly elections that the PLC and the BJP fought together.

"Had a very productive meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah Ji. Discussed various issues pertaining to National security, the rising cases of narco-terrorism in Punjab and the future roadmap for the overall holistic development of Punjab," Singh had tweeted

# AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak summoned by ED in Delhi liquor scam, Sisodia attacks BJP

Agency New Delhi, Sept 19:

AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak arrived at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office on Monday, September 19, for questioning in connection with the Delhi liquor policy

Pathak had confirmed to India Today that he would be appearing before the financial probe agency today after receiving a summons.

Sources said that while conducting searches, the AAP leader was present in-side the Mumbai home of liquor scam accused Vijay Nair. The ED has summoned Pathak to extract digital evidence and to question him regarding his association with Vijay Nair, the sources added

Reacting sharply to the development, Delhi Deputy

Chief Minister Manish Sisodia hit out at the BJP over the timing of the ED summons to party colleague Durgesh Pathak, who also happens to be the AAP's in-charge of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections.

Sisodia claimed that Pathak has no links to the formulation of Delhi's excise policy. He also accused the BJP of targeting Pathak due to political vendetta, as the MCD polls are just a few

months away.

"Today ED has summoned the election in-charge of AAP's MCD Durgesh Pathak. What has our MCD election in-charge got to do with Delhi government's li-quor policy? Is their target liquor policy or MCD elec-tions?" Sisodia tweeted in

AAP veteran Durgesh Pathak, 34, represents the

Raiinder Nagar constituency in the Delhi Assembly. He de-feated BJP candidate Rajesh Bhatia by a margin of over 11,000 votes in the bypolls

held last year.
Accusing the BJP of politicizing probe agencies, AAP MP Raghav Chadha said, "Durgesh Pathak is the in-charge of the municipal corporation, he was not an MLA when the excise policy was made. This shows there is an attempt to get rid of people holding important

sts in AAP.
The CBI's FIR in the case states that Manish Sisodia and other public servants accused in the case took decisions pertaining to the excise policy 2021-22 without the approval of competent authority with "an intention to extend undue favours to

the licensees post tender" According to the FIR, at least two payments in crores were allegedly made to "close associates" of Sisodia by Sameer Mahendru, the owner of Indospirit, one of the liquor traders involved in iregularities in the framing a implementation of the excise

The FIR further alleges that Sisodia's "close associates" Amit Arora, Dinesh Arora and Ariun Pandev were "actively involved in managing and diverting the undue pecuniary advantage collected from liquor licensees" for the accused public servants.

Pandey, also an alleged associate of Sisodia, had once collected cash amount-ing to about Rs 2-4 crore from Mahendru on behalf of Vijay Nair, the former CEO of Only Much Louder an entertain ment and event management company.

### 3 held, 2 wardens sacked over Chandigarh University leaked videos



Chandigarh, Sept 19:

A three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising only women police of-ficers has been formed to probe allegations that objectionable videos of several women students were recorded and shared by a hosteller at

Chandigarh University. "On directions of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, a three-member all-women SIT has been constituted to investigate Chandigarh University case, under the supervision of senior IPS officer Gurpreet Kaur Deo. One student and two others arrested... Electronic devices seized and sent for forensic examina-tion," said DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav.

Authorities Chandigarh University have suspended classes for six days till September 24 amid strident demonstrations by students. Protests were called off around 1:30 am on Monday after the administration accepted the demands put forward by the students.

In further action taken by the varsity, two hostel war-dens have been suspended. All hostel wardens are being transferred and hostel timings have also been changed

Massive protests broke out on campus post-mid-night on Saturday, after students alleged that 'private' and 'objectionable' videos of several female hostel inmates were leaked on the internet

So far, authorities have nabbed three persons pertaining to the alleged making and circulation of objectionable videos of female students of the varsity — a woman stu-dent, a 23-year-old man, rumoured to be her boyfriend, from Himachal Pradesh and his 31-year-old friend.

The students alleged that videos of nearly 60 girls tak-ing baths in the hostel were leaked. On the other hand, the varsity issued a statement that one video was circulated. Moreover, it was captured and circulated by the accused. They said that the girl had made the video and shared it herself with her friend in Himachal Pradesh

Students demanded that the statements of those female students whose videos, they alleged, got leaked, be recorded before representative of students. They also sought an apology from the manage-

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# How New-Age Education is defined by.....

Preferring technology subjects

The new age is witness-

ing the introduction of techbased courses at the school level; subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Science Science, Cybersecurity, and Blockchain are all seeing an upward trend. Today, students yearn to be abreast with the latest technologies and topics that will help them be in sync with transformations happening worldwide. Teachers are also being trained in these subjects to pass on that knowledge to students.

Adaptive learning is key

This assists students in learning as efficiently and effectively as possible. Adap-tive learning is vital as students are exposed to multiple courses. During the course of education, they must grasp facts and knowledge from these diverse disciplines while exhibiting analytical capabilities, problem-solving skills and a good memory. Educators should also be aware of all that their learners

are struggling with, so they can quickly adapt instructions to the changing requirements.

Innovative assessment

Just like student learning, assessment of learning has also changed. Teachers use a variety of performance-based assessments to evaluate student learning. Tests that measure a student's ability to memorise and recall facts are no longer the sole means of assessing student learning. Instead, teachers use student projects, presentations, as well as other quantitative and qualitative assessments to determine students' achievement and their individual the needs and anxieties of students.

Thus, it can be said that needs

Socio-emotional learning Today, schools ensure that the mental health of students is at its best to ensure better relationships and interactions among them as well as with teachers. Adding a collaborative touch to learning has also become important in the online age. Psychology is an important focus for schools, wherein counsellors play a key role in addressing

education is a non-linear process where skills and knowledge, both formally and informally, are upgraded continu-ously. Hubs of innovation will emerge around the world that will test, enhance, and prove new approaches of learning If we can crack the education access challenge and give every student a better opportu-nity, the potential to expand new systems of learning is

#### Name Correction

I, YIRMEILA V. ZIMIK, w/o Lt. WORYAO SAREO of Winotang, Ukrul Sub-Division, PO & PS Ukhrul, District Ukhrul, Manipur affirm that my name being Yirmeila V. Zimik alias Yirmeila Sareo is myself alone, the same and only one person as per the affidavit sworn on the 4th September 2022 before the Oath Commissioner, Ukhrul, Manipur vide No. 02AA 227243

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# Playing tricks while appreciating PM Modi: NYT's way

By Nava Thakuria Guwahati, Sept 19:

America's largest selling newspaper The New York Times (NYT) has done it cleverly. The most acclaimed newspaper, when it had to laud Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, used the words 'Leader of India' in the front page. The news headline in the physical paper mentioned the Russian President, who has been targeting the USA on different occasions, as Putin but not 'Leader of Russia'. All those happened in NYT's New York edition (17 September 2022), where the headline in the frontpage news read 'Leader Of India Criticizes Putin For Waging War'.

But the influential newspa-

But the influential newspaper used to project the Indian Premier as Modi in direct word. Some of its headlines read-Modi's India Is Where Global Democracy Dies (24 August 2022), Modi Stresses Growth, Sidestepping Politics, in Visit to Restive Territory (24 April 2022), With India on the fence over Ukraine, Biden meets with Modi (11 April 2022), Modi's Party Wins the Biggest Prize in India's State Elections (10 March 2022), Modi's Use of Antiterror Law Draws Scrutiny From Courts (1 November 2021), etc.

However, content of the news on last Saturday's issue was honestly prepared that narrated, "Underlining Russia's widening solation on the world stage, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India told President Vladimir V. Putin on Friday that it is no time for war even as the Russian president threatened to escalate the brutality of his campaign in Ukraine. The televised admonishment by Mr. Modi at a regional summit in Uzbekistan came just a day after Mr. Putin

acknowledged that Xi Jinping, China's leader, had 'questions and concerns' about the war. "Taken together, the dis-

"Taken together, the distancing from Mr. Putin by the
heads of the world's two most
populous countries — both of
which have been pivotal to
sustaining Russia's economy
in the face of Western sanctions — punctured the
Kremlin's message that Russia
was far from a global pariah,
said the report adding, "I know
that today's era is not of war,
Mr. Modi told Mr. Putin at the
beginning of their meeting,
describing global challenges
like the food and energy crises that were hitting developing countries especially hard.
Today we will get a chance to
discuss how we can move forward on the path of peace."

The implicit criticism of Mr. Putin underscored that he now faces perhaps his most challenging moment of recent months, suffering not just these diplomatic setbacks but also retreats on the battlefield and intensifying questions back home over how he has conducted the war. But Mr. Putin's own next steps remain a mystery, and Western officials believe that he could still drastically escalate the inten-sity of Russia's assault if he is confronted with further defeats. In a news conference Friday after the summit of Asian leaders, Mr. Putin de-scribed recent Russian cruise missile attacks on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure as 'warning strikes' that could portend an even more vicious campaign.

The report had good words for New Delhi and Beijing as it stated that apparently mindful of the unease among key partners like China and India, Mr. Putin insisted that he was ready for talks without naming any preconditions and that his

war aims did not necessarily extend to all of Ukraine. He made no mention on Friday of the broader goals of 'demilitarizing' and 'denazifying' Ukraine that he announced when he started the war in February—terms that were widely seen as Mr. Putin declaring his intention to achieve political control over the entire coun-

The web version of the new item, which is accompanied by a photograph with the caption 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India and President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia met on Friday in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, as seen in a photo provided by Russian state media', added, "All along, India has called for dialogue while avoiding challenging Russia as an aggres-sor, with its officials quietly insisting that their country is an intermediate power and needs to maintain ties and credibility with both Russia and the West in order to help make neace.

American media outlets appreciated PM Modi for his bold statement to the Russian President on the sideline of Shanghai Cooperation Summit in Samarkand of Uzbekistan on 16 September. Modi did not forget to offer thanks to both Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for facilitating the evacuation of In-dian students from the conflict zone safely. Mentioning the India-Russia bilateral cooperation, Modi commented that now it's time to address problems like food and fuel securities Putin in fact acknowledged the concerns raised by Modi and said that the crisis should be ended as soon as possible.

NYT also joined the chorus in Modi's appreciation, but not without playing tricks!

# A Naxal from Jharkhand arrested by Maharashtra ATS from Nalasopara

By Raju Vernekar Mumbai, Sept 19:

Wanted criminal and an active member of the banned Maoist group from Jharkhand, was arrested by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) after raiding a chawl at Nalasopara near Mumbai on Sunday

Mumbai on Sunday.

Karu Hulas Yadav (45), carrying a reward of Rs 15 lakh on his head, was arrested by ATS from a chawl at Dhanvi in Ramnagar in the Nalasopara area.

The accused has been an active member of the regional committee of the banned CPI (Maoist) in Jharkhand since 2004. Nearly 31 cases have been filed against him. They include 11 cases of murder alone. Other crimes include assault on the police, attempted murders, and extortion.



Wanted Naxal Karu Hulas Yadav, nabbed by Maharashtra ATS.

He is a native of Dodga village in Katkamsandi tehsil, Hazaribagh district in Jharkhand. He had come to Nalasopara for medical treatment and has been hiding there even after his treatment.

The Maharashtra Police had received a tip from the Jharkhand Police that the accused had come to Mumbai for treatment and was staying in the Nalasopara area. The Maharashtra ATS carried out a special operation and arrested the accused.

The ATS which has seized some documents from the accused, is making investigation to ascertain what sinister plans he had in Maharashtra. No sooner the accused was arrested the ATS informed about the arrest to the Jharkhand Police.

Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis took to his Twitter handle and congratulated the ATS team, for taking the courageous action." I congratulate the ATS Maharashtra team for a successful early morning operation in which a top Naxal leader Karu Yadav was apprehended from Nalasopara, on whom there was a bounty of 1 15 lakh! Keep it up team Maharashtra" Fadnavis tweeted.

Speaking to the media, Fadnavis said, "A very good action has been taken by the Maharashtra ATS by arresting the accused, who was the leader of the Naxalites. He will be handed over to the Jharkhand government. This will give a big blow to the Naxalite movement. This action will expose the network of Naxalites."

#### Ex-AMSU leaders hold meet

IT News Imphal, Sept 19:

With the objective of resolving the internal strife in All Manipur Students' Union (AMSU), a meeting of former presidents and secretaries of the Union was convened at the Khoyathong Pukhri Achouba Mapal community hall, here, on Sunday. During the meeting, a 5-

During the meeting, a 5member Fact Finding Committee was formed to investigate the issue and come up with a solution.

Speaking to newsper sons

after the meeting, AMSU expresident (1977-78) Kh

Kuleshwar informed that the internal dispute within the Union was discussed in detail during the meeting and a Fact-Finding Committee comprising 5 neutral members was formed.

5 neutral members was formed. In addition, 6 resolutions were adopted, which include for the Committee to talk with the two parties in dispute; demand revocation of the Section 144 of CrPC imposed at AMSU head office; and for the two sides to refrain from making any statements to the media before the report of the Fact Finding Committee is tabled, he conveyed, while urging the two sides to extend their cooperation in the matter.

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#### Insurgency down in northeast, Army shifts....

"With public support and our constant domination of these areas, I am sanguine that in the future, more such areas will reach a level of peace," he said speaking on the sidelines of an event at Kibithu. The situation is dynamic and is being constantly monitored, he stated.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has also been active and keeping up the pressure. In addition to dwindling recruitment, there have also been desertions among the cadres and also differences among the various factions.

various factions.

In this regard, the footprint of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) has been seen in Assam of late, officials on the ground said, with

inputs suggesting that that NSCN (Ky) is working with ULFA. NSCN (Ky) is active in Longding, Tirap and Changling districts of Nagaland and so offers a conduit for ULFA.

Among the various initiatives by the Army to win hearts and minds of the people, those that have caught attention are an effort to impart training in football and another to impart training to students to crack national-level entrance examinations for engineering and medicine

Capt. Gogoi from Assam served in 17 Garhwal Rifles and was posthumously awarded the Vir Chakra (VrC) for his actions during the Kargil conflict of

#### **Sports**

# Bengaluru FC beat Mumbai City FC to win first Durand Cup



Agency Kolkata, Sept 19:

Bengaluru FC won the 2022 Durand Cup with a 2-1 win over Mumbai City FC in a superb final at the Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata on Sunday, adding the one Indian club football trophy missing from their cabinet.

missing from their cabinet. Sivasakthi Narayanan gave Bengaluru the lead early in the first half, but that was cancelled out by Apuia. But Mumbai City's frailty in defending setpieces came back to haunt them as Alan Costa's powerful header midway through the

second half proved to be the winner. Costa rose highest from a Sunil Chhetri corner to seal

After winning the I-League (2014 and 2016), Federation Cup (2015 and 2017), Super Cup (2018) and the Indian Super League (2019), Simon Grayson's side completed the set. This Bengaluru success also gave captain Sunil Chhetri another bit of history as the Durand Cup was only trophy in India that had eluded him

thus far. In the final, Sivasakthi, Bengaluru's top-scorer in the

the tournament, was the first to strike with an immaculate chip over Phurba Lachenpa, latching on to a long pass from gue Aleksandr Jovanovic, as he tion gave Mourtada Fall the slip

before the finish.

Against the run of play though, Mumbai levelled via Apuia, who was on hand to slot home a rebound after Gurpreet Singh Sandhu didn't deal well enough with Greg Stewart's

shot from range.

Mumbai began the second
half with clear attacking intent,
and had big chances through
Bipin Singh and Lallianzuala

Chhangte, but didn't take

BFC captain Sunil Chhetri was then denied by Lachenpa after he was played through one-on-one by a stunning chipped pass from Jayesh Rana. Chhetri, though, made amends right away with an excellent delivery from the resulting corner that was powered home by Costa, who rose above Vinit Rai.

Alberto Noguera's introduction made some difference for Mumbai, as the Spaniard began to pull the strings in midfield and created openings, most notably when he weaved past a slew of Bengaluru defenders and curled a rightfooted shot against the upright.

Bengaluru had a huge chance on the counter themselves as Sivasakthi played Chhetri through with a sensational cross by the skipper was stopped by another excellent Lachenpa save.

But as time wore on, Mumbai huffed and puffed, throwing their bodies forward towards the end, but the Bengaluru defence, led by Sandesh Jhingan, stood firm and kept them at bay and Gurpreet Singh Sandhu had barely a save to make in goal.

# Meiraba Maisnam, Dhruv-Arjun bag titles in Maha Metro International Challenge badminton tournament

Agency Nagpur, Sept 19:

The fast improving Meiraba Maisnam and World Championships quarter-finalists Dhruv Kapila and MR Arjun registered contrasting victories to clinch the men's singles and doubles titles at the Maha Metro Maharashtra International Challenge badminton tournament in Nagpur on Sunday.

Meiraba upset second seed Mithun Manjunath 21-14, 21-16 in the men's singles final while the men's doubles combination of Dhruv and Arjun did well to regroup after wasting a match point in the second game to defeat Thailand's Chaloempon Charoenkitamom and Nanthakarn Yordphaisong 21-17, 20-22, 21-18 to clinch the winner's tro-

India had a chance to clinch a total of four titles on the final day of the competition but unseeded G Ruthvika Shivani and the mixed doubles pairing of K Maneesha and Gouse Shaikh lost in straight games.



Ruthvika, who has been making a comeback after a long injury lay-off, had upset many seeded players enroute to the final but could not handle the prowess of Japan's Miho Kayama, going down 21-11,

21-11.

Shaikh and Maneesha were also unable to trouble Thailand's Ruttanapak Oupthong and Jhenicha Sudjaipraparat and lost 21-18, 21-9.

#### Prize distribution

IT News Imphal, Sept 19:

Prize distribution of the twoday Imphal East District Master Athletic Meet, which was organised at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal on September 10 and 11. under the acgis of the Imphal East District Master Athletic Association will be held on September 25 at 1 pm at Youth Hostel at Khuman Lampak sports complex. This was stated by a statement of the Imphal East District Master Athletic Association (IEDMAA).